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Essential Guide to Al Terminology



Software programs that automate tasks independently, usually without scripting using conversational or generative AI.

e.g., An advanced AI assistant managing tasks and achieving outcomes

Al Assistant
Second generation chatbots, which
use conversational or gen Al and can
be scripted or un-scripted e.g.,
Website FAQs or voice automation

Al Copilot

A smart assistant working alongside humans, enhancing productivity e.g., writing code, searching for content, automating processes

Al Fine-Tuning
Adapting pre-trained models to specific tasks e.g., Customising models for specific sectors / industries

■ Agentic Al Al-powered agents or assistants with varying levels of autonomy, reasoning, and adaptability.

e.g., complete tasks and goals rather than following instructions

Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Technology that mimics human
thinking to perform tasks and solve
problems (speech recognition is
another key component)

ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence)
Al that surpasses human intelligence
in every aspect e.g., An Al solving
complex global issues beyond
human capabilities

Chaining
Technique of linking multiple Al
tasks or prompts sequentially e.g.,
Breaking down complex queries
into a series of simpler sub-tasks

Chatbot / Voicebot

First generation process-based

Approvider program that simulates

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computer program that simulates conversations with users through text or voice. e.g., Often responding to FAQ's and simple requests

★ Context in AI
Background information that helps the
Al understand and respond
appropriately throughout interactions
e.g., Assistants remembering

previous queries

Conversational AI
Technology that engages in human-like dialogue e.g., Advanced customer service chatbots and Voice Assistants

■ Deep Learning subset of machine learning where computers learn patterns from data through multiple processing layers. e.g., AI learns to recognise cats after studying millions of photos.

Dialogue Management Controlling conversation flow in Al assistants e.g., Handling context, history, multi-turn conversations coherently

Digital Humans combine visual avatars with conversational AI to create human-like interactions. e.g., digital customer service that uses facial expressions, voice, and natural conversation

Entities Items or concepts like people, places or things that can be grouped to help Al understand them e.g., Car, vehicle, Ford, BMW Few-Shot Learning Al learning new concepts from very few examples e.g., Image classification with only 2-3 examples per category

Generative Al

Al systems creating new content based
on patterns it learns from training data
e.g., Generating human-like
responses in chatbots

GPT (Generative Pre-trained
Transformer) A type of Al model that
generates human-like text by being pretrained on a diverse range of internet
text. e.g., like Chat GPT with finetuning for specific tasks or
interactions

■ Guardrails Ethical and safety measures for Al systems e.g.,

Preventing inappropriate Algenerated content

• Hallucination Al generating plausible but factually incorrect or nonsensical information e.g., A chatbot confidently providing madeup historical "facts"

Intent Recognition Identifying the purpose/intent behind the user input e.g., Determining user's goal in a query

E Large Language Model (LLM)
Advanced AI models trained on vast text data e.g., Chat GPT is a well known example powering conversational applications

Machine Learning (ML)

Technology that helps computers understand and interpret human language, e.g., making conversations with machines more natural.

Multi-Modal LLM (MM-LLM)
 Language models capable of processing and generating multiple formats of data e.g., An Al system that can understand/respond with

text, images, video & audio.

••• Natural Language Processing (NLP) Technology for computers to understand and respond using human language e.g., An interface that understand text messages and voice Natural Language Understanding (NLU) Comprehending context, intent, and nuances in language e.g., Voice assistants interpreting complex queries

Prompt Engineering Crafting specific instructions to elicit desired Al responses, can be both user prompts and 'system prompts' e.g., Designing prompts to get what you really want

 Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) A method to retrieve relevant information to enhance its responses e.g., Combining documents with up-todate knowledge bases

Sentiment Analysis Determining emotional tone from text in conversations e.g., Assessing customer satisfaction in chats ■ Structured and
■ Unstructured Data How types of information is organised e.g., CRM, databases, v's emails, documents, web pages or social posts

Tokenisation process of cutting text into smaller units (tokens) for measuring Al processing usage e.g., 100 words may equal 130 tokens

FTTS/STT (Text to Speech & Speech to Text) Converting and interpreting text into speech and speech into text. e.g., Voice Assistants, Transcriptions

Stored in a way that is optimised for AI-related similarity searches e.g., Finding similar images or text based on their characteristics

Ready to deliver transformative customer experiences? Lets' have a conversation